

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 6 as follows:

In subparagraph c) after the phrase "about 97% saturation", add the phrase --wherein the pH of said resultant water supply is at least 7.4--.

Amended Claim 6:

-- 6.(amended) An improved method for reducing bacterial contamination and infectious diseases in livestock and other animals, comprising the steps of:

- a) producing a gaseous mixture supply of ozone and oxygen gas from ambient air;
- b) effecting direct contact between said gaseous mixture derived from step a) with a supply of water for a sufficient time to produce ozone water solution having an effective amount of ozone to remove bacterial substances selected from the group consisting of pathogens, mercaptans, E. Coli bacteria, and Salmonella;
- c) continuing said contact between said gaseous mixture and said water supply until the content of ozone in said water supply is within a range of from about 5 parts per million to about 20 parts per million, and the content of oxygen is between about 80% to about 97% saturation, wherein the pH of said resultant water supply is at least 7.4; and
- d) providing the resultant solution derived from step c) for use as feed water to the animals to be treated.--

Cancel Claim 7 without prejudice.

LISTING OF ALL APPLICATION CLAIMS

Claim 6. (Amended)

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (original)

Claim 9. (original)

Claim 10. (original)

Claim 11. (original)